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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

Applicant:	Ismail Emesh et al.	Docket No.:	34759.9617
Serial No.:	10/709,598	Group Art Unit:	1742
Filed:	May 17, 2004	Examiner:	William T. Leader
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PLANARIZATION OF A WORKPIECE	Confirmation No.:	3597

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action of September 29, 2004, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to March 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.